

Recognizing our commitment in the workforce



This issue of the Communicator focuses on the people of Defense Contract Management Agency and some of the great things they do every day. From inspecting helicopters in Ridley Park, Pa., to overseeing AWACS in Seattle, Wash., our people perform a critical mission in support of our warfighters and provide valuable customer insight. These photos and stories capture the diverse, multifaceted work our DCMA employees accomplish throughout the nation and around the globe. Unfortunately, some of our work takes members of our DCMA family into dangerous parts of the world where they must risk their lives fulfilling critical missions.

This fall we suffered a tragic loss when one of our DCMA civilian heroes, Mr. Tony Acerra, was killed while deployed in Central Afghanistan. Tony was on his way to conduct an audit when his convoy was attacked. He served as a principal expert on contingency operations contractor/supplier quality assurance and risk, and performed quality assurance audits to monitor contract performance on numerous critical services under the Logistics Civil Augmentation Program. A loyal and dedicated worker, he had been with the agency for more than 16 years.

Tony will be missed by many. His loss saddens us all, but we will remember his dedication to this nation and the agency he served so well. At the end of the day we are an agency that is all about people, and it is people like Tony, who by placing service above self, inspire us to courageously face the future. I want to thank each of you for making sustained efforts to move our agency forward while at the same time dealing with today's challenges. You should know that I am proud of what you are doing, and I am confident we are making a difference.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charlie E. Williams Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Charlie E. Williams Jr.
Director